

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

**JOINT WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Members Present: John R. White
Edward "Earl" Maine
Frank Sims
Stephen Lowe
Dr. James E. Baker
David G. Anderson

Absent: Andy Puckett

The Virginia Highlands Airport Authority Board of Directors met on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:05 P.M. in Board Auditorium at 1 Government Center place, Abingdon, VA 24210. Mr. White, Chairman, determined that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order.

Those members of the Washington County Board of Supervisors present:

Mr. Randy Pennington
Mr. Saul Hernandez
Mr. Phillip McCall
Ms. Allison Mays
Mr. Eddie Copenhaver
Dr. James Baker
Mr. Vernon Smith

Others in attendance included:

Jason Berry – County Administrator
Lucy Phillips – County Attorney
Alicia Roland – Executive Assistant

Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Pennington, having already called the Washington County Board of Supervisors meeting to order, stated that the Board is requested to convene in a Joint Closed Meeting with Virginia Highlands Airport Authority. This meeting will include the following representative from the Abingdon Town Council: Mayor Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor Rick Humphreys, Town Manager Greg Kelly, Assistant Town Manager Cecile Rosenbaum and Town Attorney Deb Icenhour. Staff members of both the Board of Supervisors and Airport Authority will also be included in this meeting.

APCo attendees included in the meeting, George Clemo, Blair Burns, Kelly Bledsoe, Scott Kennedy, Ryan Weyant, Daniel Fraser, and Mary Begley.

Mr. Pennington moved to convene in Closed meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Virginia Highlands Airport Authority pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3712(F), 2.2-3711(A)(7), and 2.2-3711(D) for presentation by Appalachian Power Company of information necessary and reasonably expected to aid the public bodies in their consideration of the opposition they have filed with the State Corporation Commission to ApCo's application for SCC approval of the South Abingdon 138 kV extension transmission line proposed route and for conference of the public bodies regarding the information presented where such presentation and conference if made publicly would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public bodies. Mr. McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked that the motion be amended to include Abingdon Town Council Member, Ms. Cindy Patterson.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Pennington stated that he had to go on the advice of the County Attorney, that Ms. Patterson could not be included.

Mr. Smith made a substitute motion that this meeting be held in public forum instead of Closed meeting. No Second.

Mr. Pennington took a vote on the original motion, this carried by a vote of 6-1. AYES: Pennington, Hernandez, McCall, Mays, Copenhaver, Baker. NAYS: Smith

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

Mr. White read the motion of the Virginia Highlands Airport Authority convene in Closed meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Virginia Highlands Airport Authority pursuant to Virginia Code sections 2.2-3712(F), 2.2-3711(A)(7), and 2.2-3711(D) for presentation by Appalachian Power Company of information necessary and reasonably expected to aid the public bodies in their consideration of the opposition they have filed with the State Corporation Commission to ApCo's application for SCC approval of the South Abingdon 138 kV extension transmission line proposed route and for conference of the public bodies regarding the information presented where such presentation and conference if made publicly would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public bodies.

Mr. Lowe moved to conduct a Closed meeting in accordance with the items that was stated by Mr. White. Mr. Maine seconded the motion, this carried by a vote of 6-0. AYES: White, Maine, Sims, Lowe, Baker, Anderson

Washington County Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Pennington stated on motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mr. Hernandez and favorable vote, the Board of Supervisors now reconvenes in open meeting. At

this time, any participant in the Closed Meeting(s) who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act during the Closed Meeting(s), please state the substance of the departure that you believe has taken place.

Mr. Smith went on record saying, that he believed they were in violation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, because of the code used to go into closed meeting was strictly just for legal advice and he did not receive any legal advice.

Mr. Hernandez moved that Board of Supervisors certify the Closed Meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. By vote in favor of this motion, each member certifies that the Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement and identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. Dr. Baker seconded the motion, this carried by a vote of 6-1. AYES: Pennington, Hernandez, McCall, Mays, Copenhaver, Baker. NAYS: Smith

Virginia Highlands Airport Authority:

Mr. White stated on motion of Mr. Maine, second by Mr. Anderson and favorable vote, the Board of Directors now reconvenes in open meeting. At this time, any participant in the Closed Meeting who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act during the Closed Meeting, please state the substance of the departure that you believe has taken place.

Hearing no such statement, Mr. Maine moved that Board of Directors certify the Closed Meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. By vote in favor of this motion, each member certifies that the Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law, and that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement and identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. Anderson seconded the motion, this carried by a vote of 6-0. AYES: White, Maine, Sims, Lowe, Baker, Anderson

Mr. Maine moved to adjourn. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.


David Anderson, Secretary


John R. White, Chairman